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## **ADDENDUM** A

The practitioners of record are named because they were employed as attorneys at Morgan & Finnegan LLP, when that firm was engaged to prosecute the applications. Morgan & Finnegan ceased operation and went into dissolution on January 31, 2009. On March 13, 2009, the applicant was offered the opportunity, in writing, to transfer its files to, and engage, the present law firm of some of the practitioners of record. The applicant has not elected to transfer its files to, or engage, the practitioners' present firm. Thus, the practitioners have no power or authority to act in this application and are unable to do so as their present law firm does not represent this applicant and prohibits its attorneys from representing non-clients of the firm.

## **ADDENDUM B**

- 1. The applicant was notified on March 13, 2009 that the practitioners of record were no longer able to act on the applicant's behalf unless the applicant authorized that its files be transferred to the practitioners' present firm and the applicant engaged the practitioners' new firm to represent it in this matter.
- 2. The applicant was notified on March 13, 2009 that it should direct Morgan & Finnegan LLP as to disposition of its files, and was given the option of transferring its files to the present law firm of some of the practitioners of record. It is believed that the applicant has not elected to transfer its files to any firm or practitioner. The practitioners of record have not had, and do not have, the power to deliver files in the possession of Morgan & Finnegan LLP since that firm filed a bankruptcy petition on March 17, 2009. The Trustee in Bankruptcy has that power. Thus, the practitioners of record have done everything within their power to return or transfer the applicant's files.
- 3. The applicant was notified on or prior to March 13, 2009 of the responses due as of that date and the pertinent time frames, including the response due May 23, 2009 in the present application. The practitioners of record have not had, and do not have, the power or ability to notify any former clients of Morgan & Finnegan LLP of any response due dates or time frames for any such responses since the firm filed a bankruptcy petition on March 17, 2009. However, the March 13, 2009 notification clearly informed the applicant that it would need to arrange for some other attorney to respond to pending and future office actions if it chose not to engage the practitioners' present law firm. The applicant was thus given ample notice that a response was due such that the applicant had adequate time to file a reply.